

TOWN OF MANSFIELD ■ FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes ■ May 6, 2014
Town Council Chambers

Members Present: Rawn (chair), Reich, Hart, Ryan, Raymond, J. Coite (representing T. Tussing), P. Ferrigno
(7:10 p.m.)

Guests Present: Derek Dilaj, Weston & Sampson

Staff Present: Carrington, Painter

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by chair Rawn.

Approval of Minutes

April 17, 2014 Minutes – Hart MOVED, Ryan seconded to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Old Business

- a. **Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Planning.** Hart updated the Committee on the status of the Connecticut Water Company project, noting that the Town Council recently approved execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with CWC establishing an advisory committee. The Town will have four representatives on the committee in addition to representatives from surrounding communities, environmental organizations, the Capital Region Council of Governments and the Eastern Highlands Health District. Coite noted that CWC applied for their diversion permit last week. With regard to wastewater, Hart noted that the Town Council had approved an appropriation of funds at their last meeting to retain Weston & Sampson to design the sewer collection system at Four Corners. The contract is currently being reviewed and upon execution, W&S will begin collection system design. The design must be complete by August/early September to be able to put a bond referendum for the project on the November ballot. Hart also updated the committee on the status of a request to Senator Williams to reallocate \$3 million in UConn Tech Park funds to the Four Corners Sewer Project. The most recent version of the bill would provide \$3 million in state funds through a DEEP grant and does not reference a reallocation of UConn funds. Raymond questioned the UConn's interest in providing funds for the project. Hart and Rawn noted the benefits to wastewater flow during summer months and the desire to create a gateway for the university.
- b. **Mansfield Tomorrow.** Painter noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission was continuing its review of the draft plan and asked if there were any additional comments from the Committee. Hearing none, Rawn noted that there was still time for members to provide individual comments on the draft plan directly to staff.
- c. **Community Update Meeting.** Carrington distributed a list of property owners in the proposed sewer service district for review by committee members. Members reviewed a draft powerpoint presentation for the community meeting and suggested several changes including updates to data, reordering of slides and clarification to language. After discussion, members agreed by consensus to remove references to a potential expansion of the service area that would include the Mansfield Height Subdivision (Timber/Thomas/Sumner Drive area). Members felt that the consideration of this expanded area could potentially delay the project and noted that the area could be added to the sewer system at

a later date if property owners were interested. The update meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m. in Town Council Chambers.

- d. **Committee Membership.** Hart asked for input on a suggestion to reduce the size of the committee from 11 members to 9 members based on vacancies that have remained unfilled and the difficulty in reaching quorum. Reich suggested waiting until after the community update meeting to make the request to the Committee on Committees. By consensus, members agreed that Hart and Rawn should make an official request to reduce the committee size to 9.

New Business

- a. **Other.** Reich updated the committee on recent legislation regarding development of a statewide water plan. Painter noted that new boundaries for the Water Utility Coordinating Committee regions have been proposed that more closely align to the new COG boundaries. Under the proposal, Mansfield and Windham would be located in different WUCCs.

Correspondence and Meeting Reports

No updates.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3rd.

Adjournment

Rawn adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development